

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An apparatus including:

a cash dispensing automated banking machine,

5 wherein the machine includes a door in hinged connection with a machine body portion,

wherein the machine includes a hinge cover arrangement,

wherein the arrangement includes a hinge cover,

wherein the arrangement includes a linkage,

10 wherein the hinge cover is operatively connected to the door via the linkage,

wherein the hinge cover is operative to move toward or from a position covering the hinge responsive to movement of the door.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the linkage includes at least a first member and a second member, and wherein the first member is linked with the second member.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the first member is in operative connection with the hinge cover.

5 4. The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the second member is in operative connection with the door.

5. The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the first member is in operative connection with the body portion.

10 6. The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the first member includes a first end and a second end, wherein the second member includes a first end and a second end.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the first end of the second member is pivotally connected to the first member at a location intermediate the first and second ends of the first member.

15 8. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the second end of the second member is pivotally connected to the door.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the second member is L-shaped.
 10. The apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the second end of the first member is in operative supporting connection with the hinge cover, wherein the first member provides support to the hinge cover.
- 5 11. The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the first end of the first member is pivotally connected to the body portion.
12. The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the first member has a curved hook shape.
 13. The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the first member comprises a curved portion and a substantially straight portion, wherein the curved portion includes the second end of the first member, and wherein the substantially straight portion includes the first end of the first member.
- 10 14. The apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the second member is pivotally connected to the first member at a juncture of the curved portion and the substantially straight portion.
15. The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the first end of the first member is pivotally connected to the body portion about a pivot axis, wherein the second end of the first

member is in operative supporting connection with the hinge cover, wherein movement of the door causes the second member to pivot, which in turn causes the first member and the hinge cover to pivot about the pivot axis.

16. The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein when the door is closed the hinge cover extends away from the body portion a first distance in a first direction and the door extends away from the body portion a second distance in the first direction, wherein the first distance is at least equal to the second distance, and wherein the hinge cover and the door have a substantially equal height.
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17. The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the hinge cover is operative to move between a hinge concealing position and a hinge visible position responsive to movement of the door, wherein when the door is closed a hinged connection is concealed from view in a direction facing a front of the door by the hinge cover.
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18. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the cash dispensing automated banking machine comprises an ATM, wherein the ATM includes a currency dispenser and currency notes, wherein the currency dispenser is operative to dispense the currency notes from the ATM.
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19. A method of operating the apparatus recited in claim 5, comprising:

- (a) opening the door, wherein the hinge cover moves away from a hinge arrangement connecting the door and the machine body portion;
- (b) closing the door, wherein the hinge cover moves toward the hinge arrangement.

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wherein the machine includes a hinge cover arrangement,

10 wherein the arrangement includes a hinge cover,

wherein the arrangement includes a linkage,

wherein the hinge cover is operatively connected to the door via the linkage,

wherein the linkage includes at least a first member and a second member,

wherein the first member includes a first end and a second end,

5 wherein the first end of the first member is pivotally connected to the body portion about a pivot axis,

wherein the hinge cover is operative to pivot about the pivot axis,

10 wherein the second end of the first member is in operative supporting connection with the hinge cover,

wherein the second member includes a first end and a second end,

15 wherein the first end of the second member is pivotally connected to the first member at

a location intermediate the first and second ends of the first member,

wherein the second end of the second member is pivotally connected to the door,

5 wherein the hinge cover is operative to move toward or from a position covering the hinge responsive to movement of the door,

wherein the hinge cover is operative to move between a hinge concealing position and a hinge visible position responsive to movement of the door,

10 wherein when the door is closed a hinged connection is concealed from view in a direction facing a front of the door by the hinge cover.